



XII. Appendix 1 — USDA Mission Areas*

Mission Areas	Mission Statements
1. Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS)	<p>The FFAS “helps to keep America’s farmers and ranchers in business as they face the uncertainties of weather and markets. They deliver commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and emergency assistance programs that help improve the stability and strength of the agricultural economy. “ The FFAS is comprised of the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Farm Service Agency (FSA)</u>• <u>Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)</u>• <u>Risk Management Agency (RMA)</u>
2. Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS)	<p>The FNCS works to harness the Nation’s agricultural abundance to end hunger and improve health in the United States. The following FNCS agencies administer federal domestic nutrition assistance programs while the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion also links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers through science-based dietary guidance, nutrition policy coordination, and nutrition education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)</u>• <u>Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)</u>
3. Food Safety (FSIS)	<p>FSIS ensures that the Nation’s commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and properly labeled, and packaged. This mission area also plays a key role in the President’s Council on Food Safety and has been instrumental in coordinating a national food safety strategic plan among various partner agencies including the Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)</u>
4. Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP)	<p>Marketing and Regulatory Programs facilitates domestic and international marketing of U.S. agricultural products and ensures the health and care of animals and plants. The following MRP agencies are active participants in setting national and international standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)</u>• <u>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)</u>• <u>Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)</u>



5. Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)

The NRE ensures the health of the land through sustainable management. Its agencies work to prevent damage to natural resources and the environment, restore the resource base, and promote good land management.

- Forest Service (FS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

6. Research, Education and Economics (REE)

Research, Education and Economics is dedicated to the creation of a safe, sustainable, competitive U.S. food and fiber system, as well as strong communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis, and education.

- Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)
- Economic Research Service (ERS)
- National Agricultural Library (NAL)
- National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

7. Rural Development (RD)

Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America by providing financial programs to support essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. Rural Development promotes economic development by providing loans to businesses through banks and community-managed lending pools, while also assisting communities to participate in community empowerment programs.

- Rural Development

*Note: All “USDA Agencies and Offices” maybe accessed through the USDA Web Site at: www.usda.gov



XII. Appendix 2 — Acronyms /Abbreviations

Table 1: USDA Agency-Acronyms

AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service	FS	Forest Service
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	FSA	Farm Service Agency
ARS	Agricultural Research Service	FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service
CNPP	Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion	GIPSA	Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
CR	Office of Civil Rights	MRP	Marketing and Regulatory Programs
CSREES	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	NASS	National Agricultural Statistics Service
ERS	Economic Research Service	NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
ERS/RED	Resource Economic Division	NRE	Natural Resources and Environment
FAC	Food and Agriculture Council	OBPA	Office of Budget and Program Analysis
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service	RD	Rural Development
FFAS	Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service	SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
FNCS	Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service		

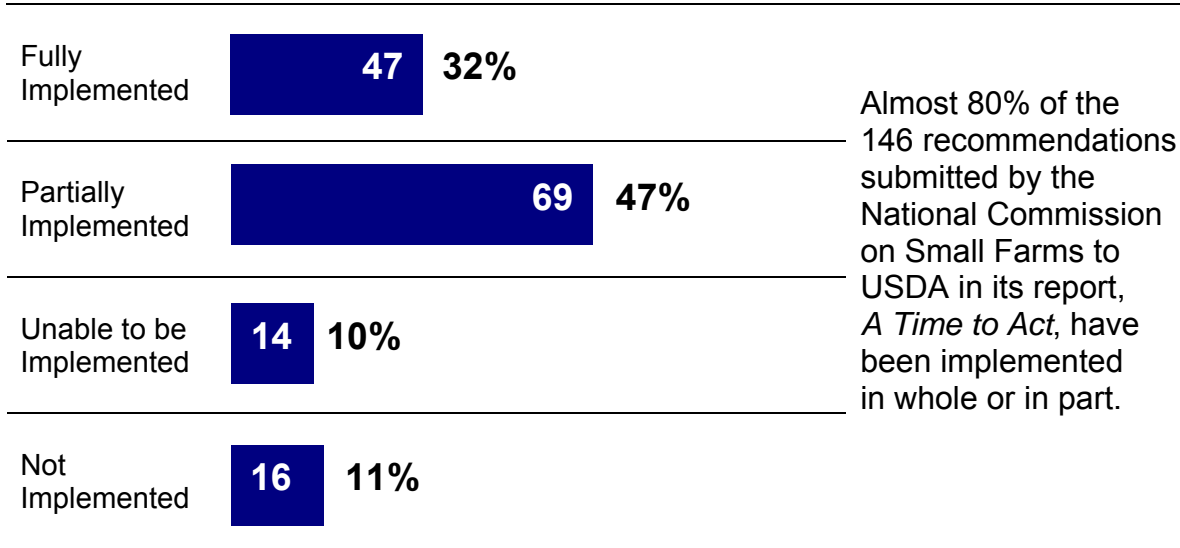
Table 2: Other Acronyms /Abbreviations

AAFFI	African American Family Farms, Inc.	MCBDP	Minority Community Business Development Partnership
AGR	Adjusted Gross Revenue	MDA	Maryland Department of Agriculture
AGR-Lite	Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
AIHEC	American Indian Higher Education Consortium	NASDA	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
ARPA	Agricultural Risk Protection Act	NAFMNP	National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs
ATTRA	Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas	NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
B&I	Business and Industry	NAP	Non-insured crop disaster assistance program
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics	NCI	National Cancer Institute
BMP	Best Management Practices	NCRCRD	North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
CED	County Executive Director	NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures
CFP	Cooperative Forestry Programs	NECFE	Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship
CFPCGP	Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program	NMSDC	National Minority Supply Development Council
CRAT	Civil Rights Action Team	NNFA	National Nutritional Foods Association
CRC	Crop Revenue Coverage	NNPFL	National Network of Private Forest Landowners
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	NREDA	National Rural Electric Development
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program	NTDA	National Tribal Development Association
CSG	Council of State Governments	OOEA	Office of Outreach and Exporter Assistance
DOPP	Dairy Option Pilot Program	P&S Act	Packers and Stockyards Act
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	PNTR	Permanent Normal Trade Relations
ECP	Emergency Conservation Program	PNVGA	Pacific Northwest Vegetable Growers Association
EZ/EC	Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities	PRP	Pasture Recovery Program
FAC	Federal Agriculture Council	RC&D	Resource Conservation and Development
FAC	Food and Agricultural Council	RME	Risk Management Education
FAIR	Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act	SED	State Executive Director
FCS	Farm Credit System	SFAC	Small Farms Advisory Council
FICA	Federal Insurance Compensation Act	SAWG	Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working
FIP	Forestry Incentives Program	SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
FMNP	Farmers Market Nutrition Program	WAgN	Women's Agricultural Network
FSMIP	Federal State Marketing Improvement	WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
GLCI	Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative	WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
IAC	Intertribal Agricultural Council	WTO	World Trade Organization
IFAS	Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food		
IRP	Intermediary Relending Program		
IRS	Internal Revenue Service		



XII. Appendix 3 — Figure 1: Bar Chart

Figure 1
Commission Recommendations Implemented by USDA



Status Code Table

Code	Status Category	Definition
1	Fully Implemented	The Commission's recommendation was fully implemented by Departmental policy, program action, legislative action, or with approved budgetary funding by Congress.
2	Partially Implemented	The Commission's recommendation was accepted by USDA or the U.S. Congress in whole or in part and the designated Mission Area/Agency is proceeding to implement the remainder of the action plan developed for the applicable recommendation.
3	Unable to be implemented	The Commission's recommendation was accepted by USDA in whole or in part, but it cannot or could not be implemented without legislative action or Congressional approval of budgetary funding requests.
4	Not Implemented	The Commission's recommendations was considered by USDA, but was not accepted or it was contingent upon the completion of another event.



XII. Appendix 4 — Limited-Resource Farms Participation

Figure 2
Comparison of Limited-Resource Farms to All Farming Types ^{a/}

	Small Family Farms					Large Family Farms	Very Large Family Farms	Non Family Farms	All Farms
	Limited Resource	Retire-ment	Residential Lifestyle	Farming Occupation					
				Low Sales	High Sales				
Number									
Total Farms	128,674	320,055	913,876	453,791	171,824	78,382	54,886	44,572	2,166,060
Percent of U.S. Total									
Farms	5.9	14.8	42.2	21	7.9	3.6	2.5	2.1	100
CRP and WRP Payment	3.7	22.1	23.5	18.4	12.4	11.3	3.5	5.1	100
Land Enrolled in CRP or WRP	4.3	18.2	21.1	20.0	14.2	13.8	3.6	4.8	100
Percent of Group									
Receive Gov. Payment ^{b/}	23.8	37.2	31.1	51.7	81.2	83.2	70.2	46.3	43
CRP and WRP	12.0	20.3	7.3	8.6	13.2	18.9	11.6	15.3 ^{c/}	10.9
Percent of Land Operated									
Land Enrolled in CRP or WRP	NA ^{a/}	43.3	32.3	20.5	12.4	10.2 ^{c/}	4.7	10.5 ^{d/}	17.1
Dollars Per Participating Firm									
Total Gov. Payment ^{b/}	3,767	3,980	5,373	9,500	28,897	57,430	85,345	32,788	17,258
CRP and WRP	2,862	4,101	4,243	5,671	6,588	9,183	6,529	8,915	5,078

Source: USDA, ERS, based on 2000 Agricultural Resource Management Survey data.

Notes:

a/ "NA" indicates that data has been suppressed due to insufficient observations.

b/ Includes EQIP, not shown separately. ***

c/ The standard error exceeds 25 percent of the estimate, but it is no more than 50 percent of the estimate. *

d/ The standard error exceeds 50 percent of the estimate, but it is no more than 75 percent of the estimate. **



XII. Appendix 5 — USDA Web sites by Mission Area

1. Farm & Foreign Agricultural Service

■ Farm Service Agency (FSA) Home	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp
-- Farm Loans	www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/default.htm
-- Crop and Natural Disaster Assistance	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm
-- Conservation Reserve Programs	www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crpinfo.htm
■ Foreign Agricultural Service (FSA) Home	www.fas.usda.gov/
■ Risk Management Agency (RMA) Home	www.rma.usda.gov/
-- Crop Insurance Policy	www.rma.usda.gov/policies/

2. Food Nutrition & Consumer Service

■ Food & Nutrition Service Home	www.fns.usda.gov/fns/
-- Food Stamp Program	www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/
-- Food Distribution Programs	www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/
-- Child Nutrition Programs	www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/
-- Community Food Security	www.fns.usda.gov/fsec/
-- Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Farmers' Nutrition Market Program	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/FMNP/FMNPfaqs.htm#1
-- Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/SeniorFMNP/SFMNPmenu.htm

3. Food Safety

■ Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS)	www.fsis.usda.gov/
-- Meat and Poultry Recalls	www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/index.asp
-- Consumer Education & Consumer Info	www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/index.asp/

4. Natural Resources & Environment

■ Forest Service (FS) Home	www.fs.fed.us/
-- National Forest System	www.fs.fed.us/links/forests.html
-- Forest Fires & Aviation	www.fs.fed.us/fire/reports.shtml
-- National Forest Timber Harvest	www.fs.fed.us/land/fm/salefact/salefact.htm
■ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Home	www.nrcs.usda.gov/
-- Animal Feeding Operations	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/afo/
-- Wetlands Reserve Programs	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/
-- National Resources Inventory	www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/NRI/



5. Marketing & Regulatory Programs

■ Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	www.usda.gov/mrp/
-- AMS Farmers Market	www.ams.usda.gov/
-- Dairy Programs	www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/
-- Food Purchase Resources	www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/index.htm
-- National Organic Programs	www.ams.usda.gov/cp/resources.htm
■ Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	www.ams.usda.gov/nop/
-- Agricultural Biotechnology	www.aphis.usda.gov/
-- Animal Health	www.aphis.usda.gov/biotech/
■ Grain, Inspection, Packers & Stockyards -- Administration (GIPSA)	www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/
-- The Western Organization Resource Councils (WORC) Petition for Rulemaking	www.usda.gov/gipsa/
	www.usda.gov/gipsa/worc_petition/worc.htm

6. Research, Education & Economics

■ Agricultural Research Service (ARS)	www.usda.gov/reeusda.gov/ree/
-- ARS National Programs	www.ars.usda.gov/
-- National Agricultural Library (NAL)	www.nps.ars.usda.gov/
■ Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service (CSREES)	www.nalusda.gov/
-- CSREES Small Farms Program	www.csrees.usda.gov/
-- CSREES Funding/Grant Opportunities	www.csrees.usda.gov/smallfarms.html
■ Economic Research Service (ERS)	www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm
-- Farm Financial & Risk Management	www.ers.usda.gov/
-- Farm Structure, Income & Performance	www.ers.usda.gov/Topics/View.asp?T=101800
-- Food Market Structures	www.ers.usda.gov/Topics/View.asp?T=102200
■ National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)	www.ers.usda.gov/Topics/View.asp?T=102400
-- Census of Agriculture Data	www.usda.gov/nass
-- NASS Agricultural Statistical Database	www.nass.usda.gov/census/
-- Statistical Information & Reports	www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/index.asp
	www.usda.gov/nass/

7. Rural Development

■ Rural Development Home	www.rurdev.usda.gov/
-- Distance Learning & Telemedicine Program	www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm
-- Electric Program	www.usda.gov/rus/electric/index.htm
-- Loan & Grant Programs	www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bprogs.htm
-- Community Development Program	www.rurdev.usda.gov/ocd/index.html
-- Cooperative Services Program	www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/csdir.htm
-- Rural Community Housing Programs	www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/common/indiv_intro.htm
-- Rural Empowerment Zones & Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) Program	www.ezec.gov/
-- Telecommunications Program	www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/
-- Water & Environmental Programs	www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm



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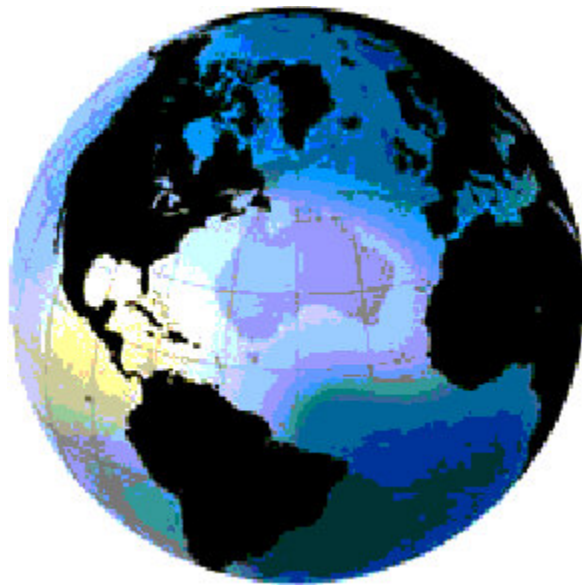
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